

# Comet Comments—



Coloma High School Newsletter

Principal, Mr. David Ehlers

February 2017

## MISSION STATEMENT:

*We will inspire all students to achieve at high levels  
and empower them for their future success.*

**INSPIRE TO ACHIEVE –EMPOWER FOR SUCCESS**



### FROM THE DESK OF DAVID A. EHLERS

February is typically a slow month at the high school. For the most part, we start a new semester and get set in our new routines that are associated with the new semester. We did have a great week of student participation in Winterfest dress up days capped off with a large group at the Winterfest dance. Students at CHS are starting to show their #CometPride more and more!!!

As we approach Spring Break, it is important to remember that the high school spring testing will take place the week we return from Spring Break. All students in grades 9 - 11 will be testing the week of April 10-14 and testing is mandatory. A schedule is located in this newsletter and I will provide more specific information via emails as we get closer to the end of the month.

GO COMETS!

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by: Mrs. Megyese

#### **Scheduling for the 2017—18 SCHOOL YEAR**

Incoming 2017-18 9th grade students had their scheduling orientation on February 17th which took place during their social studies class. On February 23rd they registered for their freshmen classes.

All incoming 9th grade students are required to take the following courses: English 9, Math, world History, Physical Science/Earth Science, and two electives from the following classes: Band, Choir, Advance Computers, Foreign Language, Speech, Creative Writing, Art, Google Applications and PE

Our existing 9th, 10th and 11th grade students had their scheduling orientation during their RTI time in the auditorium during the first and/or second week of February. These 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students have until the end of February to select their classes online in Power School. If any student is having trouble registering for classes please have them contact me.



### UPCOMING DATES

**March 2—Progress  
Reports**

**March 7—Freshman  
Orientation**

**March 8—Late Start**

**March 22—Late Start**

**March 25—Jazz Band/  
Choir Fundraiser**

**March 31—1/2 day  
End of 3rd marking period  
Spring break begins**



**REMINDER TO SENIORS:**

**Pick up applications for local scholarships and return or mail before the deadline date. If interested in giving the “Commencement Address”, please see Mrs. Megyese for more information. The commencement address should be about the 2017 graduating class, past, present and future. Deadline: Spring Break.**

**MANDATORY SPRING TESTING DATES**

Watch for more information to follow !!

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR APRIL**

Please mark your calendar  
and watch for more information to follow!!

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| <u>April 11</u> | NO SCHOOL for 12th grade<br>11th grade SAT Testing — 10th grade PSAT Testing --<br>9th grade PSAT Testing                                                        |
| <u>April 12</u> | 11th grade — ACT Work keys — Report to HS cafeteria<br>at 7:45 am — Must provide own transportation to school<br>2 hour late start for 9th, 10th and 12th grades |
| <u>April 13</u> | 11th grade M-STEP Social Studies and Science —Normal<br>day for 9th, 10th and 12th grades — School starts at 8:00 am                                             |



by Rebecca Selvidge

Coloma High School Choir students performed with Whirlpool! On Thursday, February 9th four choir students from Coloma were selected to perform with Whirlpool's North American Region leadership for their annual meeting on the Mendel Center mainstage in front of 1,400 Whirlpool employees. The students were praised by Whirlpool for their professionalism and attitudes. We are grateful for the opportunity to help and thankful for the donation to the choir program.

## Great News in the Welding Lab!

by Charles Luchies

We have recently been working to update our labs so that our students have a good quality education and seamless transition into the real working world. We have been working on collecting funds for new mills, lathes, CNC equipment and welders for our students to train with. Due to the recent donation from Midwest Energy we were able to purchase two new Lincoln square wave 200 TIG welders. With the addition of these new welders we have been able to better prepare more students for entering the field of welding if they choose to do so when they leave Coloma High School. We are very happy to have the help and support from this great organization.





### COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1ST SEMESTER ENDING 1/29/16

The **Gold Honor Roll** includes those students who have a 3.5—4.00 or higher and no more than one “C .” An asterisk is used to denote a GPA of 4.00 or higher.

#### **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Alice Askren, Vanessa Crisenberry, Camryn Cromer, Nicholas Eastman, Amaria Echols, Damian Gomez, Jacob Hammond, Morgan Hosbein\*, Ian Ishmael, Megan Koenigshof\*, Megan Neubecker\*, Brenna Prescott\*, Luke Radde, Marissa Sherburn\*, Isabelle Stevens\*, Tyler Streu, Cameron Tuttle, Emma Vander-molen, Emma Watson, Shelby Whitaker, Miranda Wright

#### **10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Lyndsey Army, Randi Askren, Arieana Braddock, Phoebe Browne, Jacob Bryant, Paige Burgess, Carson Clark, Hunter Crist, Cassidy Dryer, Mackenzie Ecker\*, Caleb Ellis, Lindsey Fischer, Zachary Goodline, Adiel Granados\*, Mackenzie Grant, Emily Greenman, Nicholas Hatton, Faith Hester, Narelle Hickmon, Jacob Huttenga, Erik Jarvis, Dalton Jenkins, Matthew Kennedy\*, Connor Kreitner, Zackary Lake, Alyssa Little, Franki Lopez, Jarod Martin\*, Hannah Mathis\*, Keegan McVay, Audrey Meader, Tanya Perea\*, Lindsey Robinson, Michael Sanchez\*, Brandon Schmidt, Lindsey Schreier, Samantha Scott, Amber Street

#### **11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Emily Bolis, Blake Cartwright, Daisy Cerro, Skylar Crisenberry\*, Spencer Culby, Caleb Dahlke, Matthew Davis\*, Samantha Fischer, Sky Hempel, Jaidyn Hutsell, Tristan Lewis\*, Lauren Morris, Leeza Noles\*, Divine Parker, Derek Plitt, Mya Potter, April Rathbun, Edwyn Rodriguez, Katelyn Slattery, Mal-lory Spaulding, Julia Sternaman\*, Elisa Sypian, Morgan Wagner, Kelly Walter, Ryley Watson, Emilea Winans, Brianna Wright, Zachary Yenchus, Kayla Yore, Joshua Young\*

#### **12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Alyssa Bahr, Benjamin Ball\*, Adam Batey, Nikki Bryant, Kiara Cole\*, Ariel DeLaTorre, Gabriel Dog-gett, Cassidy Fickett\*, Patrick Guntz\*, Austin Hebner, Jessica Hughes, Kobe Hunter, Brad Kelley, Jake Kelley, Matthew Kelley, Grant Kroschel\*, Jacoby Kroschel\*, Nicholle Larson\*, Dylan LeClear, Lindsey Loomis, Shawn Moore, Hannah Mort, Destiny Motton\*, Daniel Najacht, Cody Nearpass\*, Kathryn Pawluk, Bryce Peters, Desiree Rickett, Hannah Strunk, Samuel Tivolacci, Jennabeth Thomas, Abigail Tuttle, Ryanne Wagner, Jenna Walter\*, Justin Whittker



### COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1ST SEMESTER ENDING 1/29/16

The **Green Honor Roll** includes those students who have 3.00--3.49 GPA and no more than one "C."

#### **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Rachael Arnold, Loghan Baushke, Jerry Binder, Michael Case, Charles Cullitan, Cole Current, Kelsey Ellis, Courtney Glass, Morgan Gruss, Brenden Jacobs, Kristal Jimenez, Cole Kirby, Kaitlynn Lute, Erin Morris, Cameron Needham, Gavin Steakley, Nathan Strunk, Samantha Trousdale

#### **10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Elissa Austin-Rowe, Kylee Bailey, Sean Bambrick, Lacey Carpenter, Kenneth Crowder, Kadee Davis, Shane Davis, Grace Gagliardo, Zachary Gatchell, Shelby Gipson, Chloe' Harmon, Conor Hutchins-Linderman, Calvin Hutchinson Jr., Kloie Milnickel, Cameron Neubecker, Andrew Spitzke, Samantha Stewart, Katie Swisher, Nichole Swisher, Marcellina Tavoracci, Steven Trosper, Emma Young

#### **11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Mika Anderson, Gabriel Bravo, Precious Cornelius, Willie Donald, Kaley Florey, Alexis Griffith, Grace Hester, Katelyn Johnson, Tra Kilburnt, Teo Mastral Bravo, Angelina Reyna, Samantha Schreiber, Kaylee Snow, Calvin Starnes, Brandon Sutherland, Maritza Villegas Alvarez, Chase Whitaker, Levi Wilkens

#### **12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Abby Blevins, Brenden Ferry, Zachary Heater, Madilynn Hill, Elysabeth Martin, Cory Moore, Hannah Palmer, Joseph Scheuer, Katherine Schmidt, Dakota Vande Vusse, Allen Yvinskas





## Science Beyond the Boundaries

by Sara Glisson



The Coloma High School Science Department was awarded \$400 in grant money from the Berrien Community Foundation to purchase Google Cardboard devices for virtual reality field trips! This exciting new technology will allow our students to witness scientific wonders without ever leaving the classroom. These 360 degree expeditions immerse students in learning and foster deep exploration of science content. Earth science students can go aboard the International Space Station, Biology students will discover unique wildlife in the Galapagos Islands, Chemistry students can go inside a burning hydrogen reaction to figure out how hydrogen actually burns.

Bringing these lessons to life requires a Smartphone. Although many students have their own cell phones, not everyone does. **That's why we are asking Coloma faculty and families to kindly donate any old cell phones that are no longer being used.** All we require is that the phone is capable of connecting to the internet, and that it doesn't have a cracked or broken screen. Should you decide to donate a phone, it would be wise to delete your photos and contact list first. Please drop off your used cell phones (with chargers) at the Coloma High School office to the attention of Mrs. Glisson. Thank you, in advance, for making this opportunity possible for ALL our science students at CHS.

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## CHS Concert Band Prepare for Festival

by Cheryl Thomas

This year MSBOA District 6 Band & Orchestra Festival is held from March 7-10th at Lake Michigan College in the Mendel Center. Schools (grades 7-12) from Berrien, Van Buren, and Cass counties participate in this event. Each ensemble prepares three selections of music and they are evaluated by three judges in the areas of tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and interpretation. They also sight read and are evaluated by another judge. These ratings are combined for the final rating. Our HS Concert Band performs on Wednesday, March 8th at 2:25 pm & our 7/8th Grade Band performs on Friday, March 10th at 10:15 am. The performances are free & it is always wonderful to see a large crowd of support for our bands! We hope to see you there!



## Dinner & Jazz Night

On Saturday, March 25th we are holding our annual Dinner & Jazz Night at CHS from 5-7 pm in the HS cafeteria & auditorium. This year we are catering in BBQ pork from Charlie's Piggin' & Grinnin' and sides will include potato salad, baked beans, and a roll. A beverage and dessert is also included. Tickets will go on sale in early March, and advance tickets will be taken/sold by the band & choir students. Tickets are \$10 per person. Funds raised benefit the Coloma Band & Choir Programs.

The music will feature the CHS Jazz Band & CHS Varsity Singers at 6 pm in the HS Auditorium. Each group will perform different selections & they will combine on a few feature tunes. This is going to be a great night of food & jazz. Hope you can join us!

Contact Mrs. Thomas or Mrs. Selvidge for more information.



**COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH !!**

**Congratulations to:  
(l-r) Geoffrey Humpal, Senior, Skylar Crisenbery, Junior,  
Hannah Mathis, Sophomore, Nicholas Eastman, Freshman**



*Congratulations!*



### **Did you know?**

- 1. February is named after the purification ritual Februa, which was a sort of early Roman spring cleaning festival.**
- 2. In Old English, February was called Solmonath (Mud month) or Kale-monath (Kale or cabbage month).**
- 3. February frequently occurs in lists of the most commonly misspelt words in the English language.**
- 4. The American have trouble with the February too—last year, a press release from the White House consistently spelt it as Feburary.**
- 5. Much Ado About Nothing is the only Shakespeare play that mentions February.**
- 6. Before Julius Caesar's Calendar reform of 45BC, February was the only month with an even number of days. All the rest had 29 or 31.**
- 7. February is the only month that can pass with no full moon. This will next occur in 2018.**
- 8. In the USA, February is National Pet Dental Health month. It is also Hot Breakfast month.**
- 9. The birthstone for February is amethyst. The birth flower is the violet or iris.**
- 10. The ancient Greeks believed that amethyst protected the wearer from drunkenness.**

